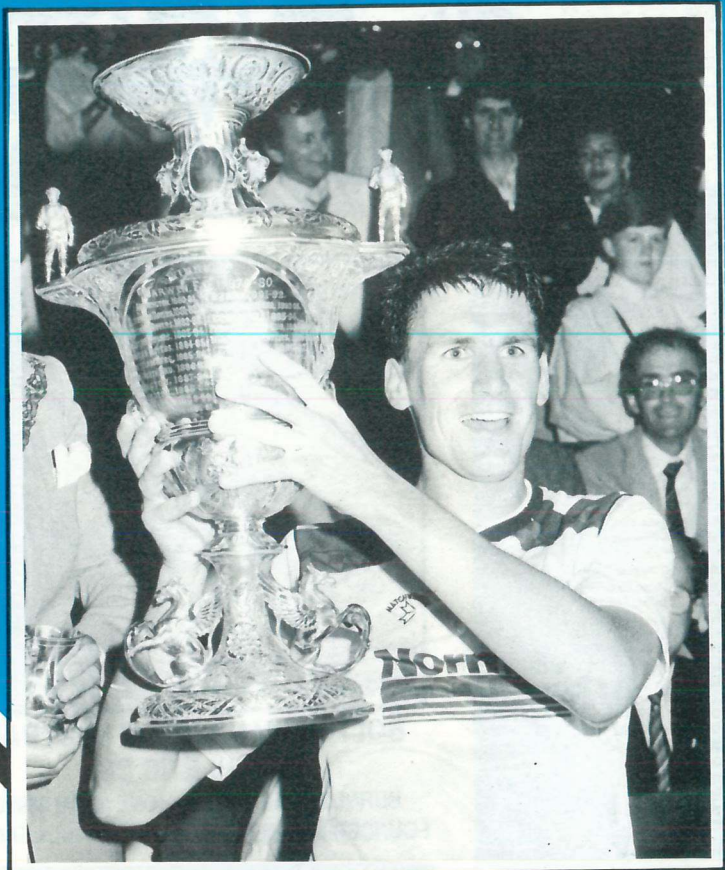




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Notes from the boss.....

EVERY one of the 92 League clubs is hoping for a flying start to the new season and we, here at Burnden Park are no exception.

We do have reason to kick off in encouraging mood judging by the gritty performances in the Lancashire Manx Cup and the support we have had from you already in the form of increased season ticket sales. I'd like to thank you all for that support, which was certainly a big boost to us last season, I can tell you.

But no team has a divine right to win any game, irrespective of how well you have done pre-season. The run in the Lancashire Manx Cup has helped, I can't deny that, but I've played in a team that went into a new season having lost all the pre-season games then rattled off 12 wins on the trot. So you never know.

Tonight, of course, League issues are not at stake. Instead I have another goal in mind.

I want this club to earn the right to come up against one of the really big clubs in one of the cup competitions and we set off on that path tonight. We enjoyed pitting our wits

against Coventry in the F.A. Cup last season but I want an even bigger one to look forward to this time.

Chester will provide us with a tough test of our mettle, though, over two interesting games of this first round tie. Harry McNally relies a lot on height and power—probably a contrast to my own preferred style—so we can expect an interesting as well as competitive game. We have had some ding-dong battles with Chester over recent years—and one I remember well is the Freight Rover Trophy match they beat us in two seasons ago. I would like to make up for that defeat tonight.

On your behalf I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Burnden Park to our two summer signings, Phil Brown and Barry Cowdrill. These two full-backs have the sort of qualities I believe will be of great benefit to Bolton Wanderers.

Their arrival makes competition for places even stronger than ever and that was one of the points I was especially pleased with last season.

Obviously I'm looking to add more strength to the team but it does take time.



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Burnden Visitors



**CHESTER
CITY**

Tonight we welcome local rivals Chester City, who finished 15th last season in Division Three. Harry McNally, the former Wigan manager has guided Chester from a struggling Fourth Division outfit to a now respectable Third Division team, on a shoe-string budget. Back in March they sold leading goalscorer Stuart Rimmer to Watford for £200,000. In just over three seasons since joining them from Everton for £10,000, Rimmer had scored 76 goals and last season was the Third Division's leading marksman when Division One beckoned.

Mr. McNally has spent part of the money on new signings, Ian Benjamin (Cambridge), Steve Johnson (Scunthorpe), Joe Hinnigan (Wrexham), and Joe Jacob was signed after a couple of seasons of football in Holland.

Last season saw Chester make early exits out of both the Littlewoods and F.A. Cup competitions. In the Littlewoods, Blackburn put them out and then little Runcorn knocked them out of the F.A. Cup at the First Round stage. League form last season wasn't helped by a spate of injuries that saw them lose the services of star midfield player Milton Graham for long periods.

After recovering from a 5-0 mauling at home to Northampton, they had good away wins at Sunderland and Gillingham and had climbed to 7th in the table by October. Unfortunately only two wins between November and the beginning of February saw them slip into the bottom half of the table, although only three defeats in their last fourteen games secured their place in the Third Division this season.



PEN PICTURES

BILLY STEWART (Goalkeeper): Age 22, height 6' 2". Signed from Wigan Athletic at the beginning of season 86/87, where he had spent the previous two seasons as under-study to the very experienced Ray Tunks, former apprentice with Liverpool F.C.

GRAHAM ABEL (Central Defender): Age 26, height 6' 3". Signed by Chester City from Non League Northwich Victoria, continued to play as a part time professional, became full time at the start of season 86/87.

BARRY BUTLER (Defender/Midfield): Age 23, height 6' 2". Signed towards the end of the season 85/86, after being spotted playing for Atherton L.R. in the North West Counties League. The club have high hopes of this player now that he has settled into full time football.

DAVID GLENN (Right Back): Joined Chester from Blackburn Rovers at the start of the season 85/86, is a very consistent player, spent most of last season injured but hopefully will be back in the 1st team shortly.

MILTON GRAHAM (Midfield/Forward): Another player who was signed at the beginning of the season 85/86 from A.F.C. Bournemouth. Very talented player, has the ability to go on and play in a higher class of football. Voted Player of the Year and also Away Player of the Year in 1986/87 season.

GRAHAM BARROW (Midfield/Ast.Manager): Age 33, height 6' 2". Signed for Chester from Wigan Athletic for a fee of £6,000 which was settled by an Independent Tribunal after Wigan had asked £25,000. Graham is a long time friend of Manager Harry McNally, and is one of the most admired and respected players in the division.

GARY BENNETT (Striker): Age 23. Very strong fearless type of player, was leading goal scorer in season 85/86.

Burnden Visitors

COLIN WOODTHORPE (Left Full Back): 19 years of age, already had two full seasons 1st team football to his credit. A player of enormous potential who ought to go a long way in the game.

SEAN LUNDON (Left back/Midfield): Another 19 year old. Former Everton apprentice, excellent passing ability, does very well whenever called in the 1st team, is always challenging for a regular place.

JOE JAKUB: Signed from Dutch First Division Club A.Z. Alkmaar in the summer of 1988. Previous clubs, Burnley and Bury. A very experienced left side midfield player along side Graham Barrow he should make a very good strong combination.

STEVE JOHNSON: Signed in the closed season from Scunthorpe United, he's a big strong striker. Formerly played for Bury, Rochdale, Bristol City. Had a successful loan period at Chester in our run for promotion 2 years ago.

IAN BENJAMIN: Another summer signing, from Cambridge United. Ian had a very successful partnership with Trevor Morley in his time with Northampton Town, we hope to see him reproduce that kind of form at Chester. Previous clubs were Sheffield United, West Brom and Peterborough.

JOE HINNIGAN: He's a very experienced defender, signed in the closed season from neighbours Wrexham. Joe started his career with Wigan Athletic, transferred to Sunderland, then a 1st Division club, for a six figure fee, has also served Preston North End and Gillingham.

CARL DALE: Signed from Northern Premier Club Bangor City for a five figure fee in June 1988. A natural goalscorer, Carl was the leading marksman in the Northern Premier League last season. It was that talent that prompted Chester to step in and sign Carl ahead of aother League Clubs who were watching him.



CHESTER CITY 1988-89

Back row: Stewart walker (Physio), Graham Abel, Barry Butler, Ian Benjamin, Chris Lightfoot, Billy Stewart, Steve Johnson, Joe Hinnigan, Gary Bennett, Colin Woodthorpe.
Front row: Carl Dale, David Glenn, Graham Barrow (ass. Manager), Harry McNally (Manager), Milton Graham, Joe Jakub, Sean Lunden.

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MATCH REPORT



BOLTON 1 v BURY 0 (6 Aug. 1988)

The Whites produced a solid performance for their opening match in the Lancs. Manx Cup. Steve Elliott scored the all-important goal in the first half as new boys Phil Brown and Barry Cowdrill went close to adding further goals in the second half.

ATTENDANCE: 2179

TEAM: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Came, Winstanley, Henshaw, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Chandler—Darby, Crombie, Storer, Stevens, Brookman.

WIGAN 0 v BOLTON 1 (11 Aug. 1988)

Gary Brown made his debut at right-back for the Wanderers in the second group match played at Boundary Park, Oldham. John Thomas, last season's leading marksman, was again on target to secure victory and a final place showdown with Rochdale two days later.

ATTENDANCE: 965

TEAM: Felgate, Brown (G), Cowdrill, Savage, Came, Winstanley, Crombie, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Darby. Subs: Stevens, Brookman, Storer, Henshaw, Chandler.

BOLTON 1 v ROCHDALE 1 (13 Aug. 1988)

Ian Stevens and rookie goalkeeper Gareth Gray were the heroes of this tough encounter with Rochdale, Stevens equalising with only 3 minutes to go and Gray saving the penalty which put the Whites into Tuesday's Final with Preston.

ATTENDANCE: 2334

TEAM: Gray, Brown (P), Cowdrill, Savage, Came, Winstanley, Henshaw, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Chandler—Stevens, Storer, Crombie, Brookman, Darby.



Number one . . . Gareth Gray celebrates his penalty save which put Bolton Wanderers into the final of the Lancashire Manx Challenge Cup.

FINAL—BOLTON 1 v PRESTON 0

John Thomas finally killed off his old team Preston when he pounced on a mistake by Oshor Williams to give the Whites a deserved victory. Mark Came, the Wanderers skipper, lifted the famous old trophy together with a cheque for £2,000. The Wanderers now have an invitation to compete in next year's Okells International Football Festival staged in the Isle of Man.

ATTENDANCE: 5604

TEAM: Felgate, Brown (P), Cowdrill, Darby, Came, Crombie, Brookman, Thompson, Thomas, Stevens, Chandler. Subs: Savage, Gray, Henshaw, Storer, Winstanley.



BEHIND THE SCENES

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—The Referee is the **sole judge** of (a), (b) or (c).

—In any case, a player cannot be penalised for being offside if (d) there are at least two opponents nearer their own goal-line than he is, **OR** (e) he is in his own half of the field of play, **OR** (f) he receives the ball directly from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, or from a throw-in.

—Situations must be judged **at the moment the ball is played**, **NOT** when a player receives the ball.

—Referees and Linesmen have to make instantaneous judgements involving **ALL** these relevant circumstances, often when things are changing very rapidly!

—Linesmen signal **ONLY** for an offside **OFFENCE** and not merely because a player is in an offside position.

—Players should play to the whistle, not to a linesman's flag signal. The linesman is the Referee's assistant, giving him information for **HIS** consideration.

—The **REFEREE** is the sole judge finally in terms of whether play shall be stopped or whether it will be more advantageous to the non-offending team to allow play to continue. There is a great deal to be considered!

WELCOME—THE NEW BOYS

Phil Brown

Phil joined the Club during the closed season for a fee of £17,000 from Halifax Town. He was captain at Halifax and impressed against the Wanderers during those three F.A. Cup ties in 1986. Phil holds the record tally for a full-back of 14 goals during 1986/87. He was born in South Shields and commenced his career at Hartlepool with whom he played more than 200 games.

Barry Cowdrill

Barry joined the Club from West Brom in July and can either play full-back or on the left side of mid-field. He made over 100 appearances for Albion after being spotted playing for Sutton Coldfield. Barry has already impressed during the Lancs. Cup and looks sure to be a favourite with the crowd.

Gareth Gray

Gareth joined the Club from North West Counties team Darwen after playing well for the Reserves last season. Already a hero after saving the penalty which put Bolton through to the Final of the Lancs. Cup.

AWAY WE GO

GOING TO CHESTER ?

The Travel Club are taking bookings for the return leg next Wednesday, 7th September. The coaches leave Burn-den at 6.00pm and the price is £3.50.

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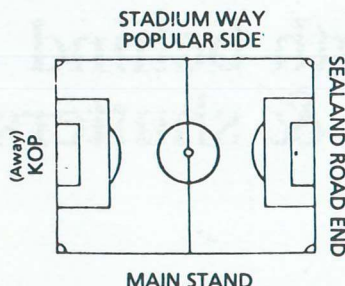
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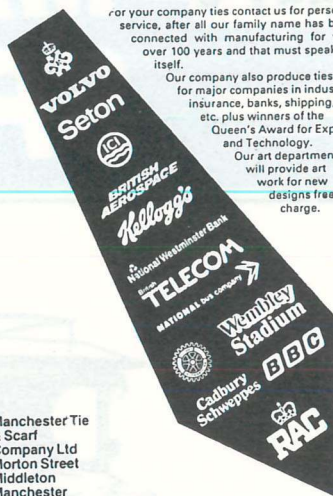
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5 YEARS AGO: After relegation from the second division the Wanderers opened the season with a visit from promoted Wimbledon. Simon Farnworth, Peter Valentine, Steve Saunders and Tony Caldwell all made their League debuts in the opening day fixture which ended in a 2-0 Wanderers victory. Simon Rudge and Jeff Chandler (pen.) were the goalscorers.

Both Warren Joyce and Tony Caldwell hit their first senior goals for the club as Chester were defeated 3-0 at Burnden in the first leg of the Milk Cup first round.

10 YEARS AGO: A crowd of 21,355 welcomed the Wanderers back to the first division against Bristol City at Burnden. Alan Gowing hit his first goal for Bolton to give them a 32nd minute lead but second half goals from Jimmy Mann and Tom Ritchie gave City the points.

A double from Frank Worthington secured Bolton's first point of the season from a 2-2 draw with Southampton at the Dell but they fell 4-0 to West Brom at the Hawthorns where three of their goals came in the first 25 minutes.

15 YEARS AGO: A freak goal after 8 minutes from Bobby Gould was enough to give Bristol City the points at Ashton Gate. Tony Dunne made his league debut for the Wanderers keeping City winger Trevor Tainton under wraps.

A League Cup first round tie with Preston North End finished in a 1-1 draw at Burnden. Neil Young gave North End the lead from the penalty spot after Alan Waldron had handled but John Byrom levelled matters with a powerful header.

100 YEARS AGO: Bolton prepared for the first ever Football League season with a first team versus reserve game at Pikes Lane before approximately 1,000 spectators. The reserves, who were allowed to field twelve men, won the game by 2-1.

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Bolton Wanderers Captain Mark Came receiving the Manx Cup Trophy from the Mayor of Douglas Council, Michael Shimmin.



Bolton Wanderers team celebrate their Manx Cup Trophy win.

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1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

WARNING

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RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

The Wanderers reserve and A teams have had their usual hectic pre-season games.

The opening game on August 1st saw the now annual visit to Bucks Park home of Bootle of the North West Counties League.

Ian Stevens grabbed the opening goal of the season after 22 minutes and what a spectacular effort to start with. A cross from Paul Hughes found Stevens with his back to goal and the striker struck the ball home with an overhead kick that Denis Law would have been proud of.

The non league side struck back only 19 seconds into the second half after a mix up in the Wanderers defence allowed Paul Darby to equalise.

Ian Callaghan netted what turned out to be the Wanderers winner in the 56th minute when he ran in to convert an inch perfect cross from Stuart Storer.

The following evening the Wanderers youth team took on Rhyl youth at St. Asaph and scored a resounding 7-0 win. Mike Jeffrey and Andy Savage chipped in a couple of goals a piece with the others coming from Alan Stubbs, Paul Gaskell and a Neil Fisher penalty.

A strong reserve outfit proved too much for West Brom's youngsters in the double header at the Midlands training ground. A couple of goals from Stuart Storer and one from Dave McKearney separated the sides in a game the Wanderers could have won by a greater margin but for some fine goalkeeping.

The A team rounded off the first week of pre-season football with a 3-2 win at Stockport County, Keiron Hughes grabbing a hat trick for the Wanderers, whilst Mike Jeffrey hit Bolton's goal in a 1-1 draw with British Aerospace.



*Ian Stevens, Scorer
of the first goal of
the season.*





SAFE HANS

WELCOME BACK

Well, it's good to be back re-signed for another season and let's hope at the end of it, Second Division football. Last season, our first ever in Division 4 saw us successfully achieve our objective, promotion, amid those tremendous scenes at Wrexham.

Tonight it's back to Cup football with the visit of Chester and of course the team that progressess through this round gets the added bonus of being paired with a First or Second Division team in the next round.

Down here at Burnden, we have already had our first taste of Cup glory with that splendid win over Preston in the Final of the Lancashire Manx Challenge Cup, hopefully that means we can pack our suitcases next July and have a sun-soaked week in the Isle of Man watching the lads perform in the Okells International Football Festival. The festival had to be put on ice this

year but plans are already being made for next year's competition. So let's just keep our fingers crossed.

You've probably all noticed the new strip the lads are wearing this season, it's produced by Matchwinner of Scotland and certainly looks very smart. Already sales in the Club Shop have passed expectations with Matchwinner working round the clock to meet the demand.

Roadrunner Video's will again this season be filming all games, home and away, and these will be available to purchase through the Club Shop. The videos have full commentary on them provided by life-long Wanderer Dave Higson, who also doubles up on away trips as Travel Club steward. If you have not already heard any of Dave's unique commentries then come along to one of the Video Nights on Monday nights after the previous Saturday's away fixture; you are in for a rare treat—John Motson watch out!

On closing tonight let's hope for a good game, ready for next week's return leg at Sealand Road.

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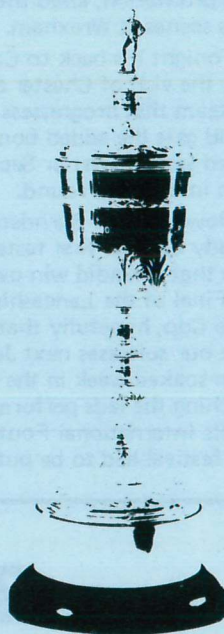
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We welcome Chester to Burnden Park tonight with an old score to settle from the only other meeting in the League Cup competition.

In the 1983/84 tournament, which was then known as the Milk Cup, Chester visited Burnden in exactly the same stage as this evenings tie.

The Wanderers had got off to a flying start in the League the previous Saturday when Wimbledon had been beaten 2-0 at Burnden and it took only four minutes for them to take the lead against Chester.

Warren Joyce hit his first goal in senior football to be followed by a brace from Tony Caldwell, a 33rd minute header and a simple tap in after 62 minutes.

It was a powerful performance by the Wanderers which was marred only by the attendance of 2,665 which was the lowest at Burnden, at the time, for a major competition.

And so the Wanderers entered the second leg a fortnight later at Sealand Road, with what looked a simple task,

even though they were without Tony Caldwell, who, had hit five in an 8-1 win over Walsall the previous weekend.

Andy Holden opened the scoring for Chester in the 37th minute and were then awarded a 63rd minute penalty which was converted by Peter Zelem.

Chester's recovery was complete nine minutes from time when Trevor Phillips levelled the aggregate scores. Extra time produced no change to the result and so the tie had to be decided on penalties.

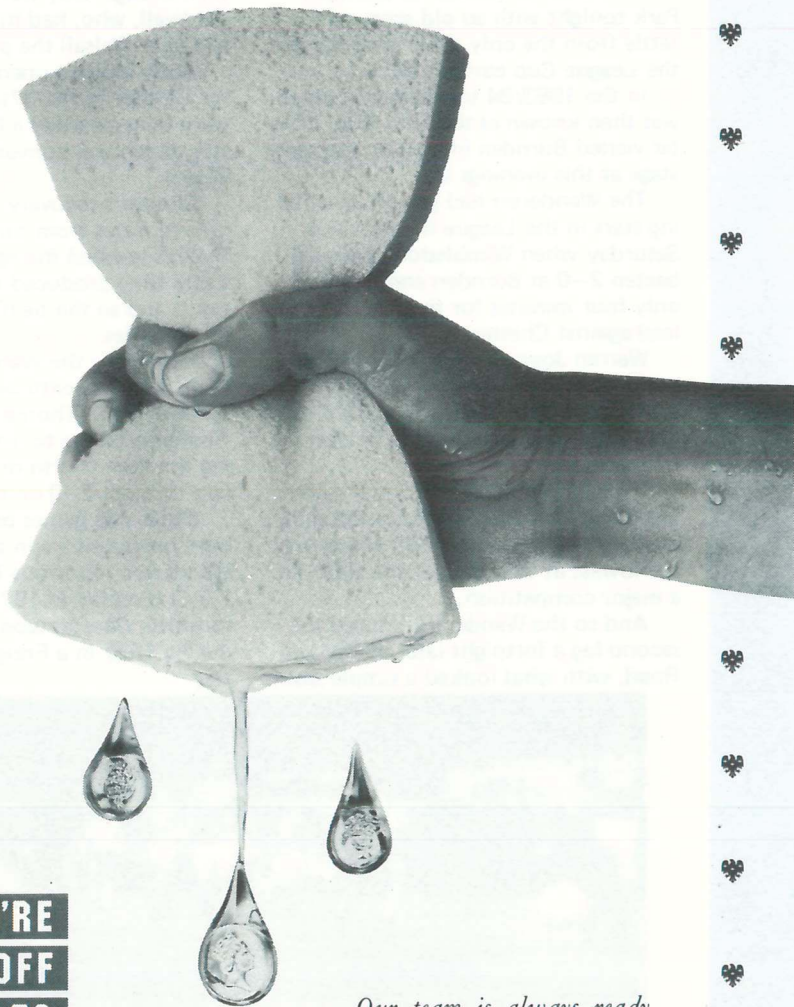
Incredibly the Wanderers missed all their attempts with Jeff Chandler, Ray Deakin, Steve Thompson and Neil Redfearn failing to hit the target allowing the then fourth division side to win through 2-0 on penalties.

Other cup games between the clubs have produced a win apiece. The Wanderers victorious in a first round FA Cup replay in 1972, whilst more recently, Chester won 2-1 at Burnden during 1987 in a Freight Rover Trophy tie.



Tony Caldwell scores against Chester in the Milk Cup.

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ENGLAND 2 v Yugoslavia 2 (at Highbury)

Lofthouse(2)

England's home undefeated record remained intact, but in reduced circumstances as it were, Yugoslavia having the distinction of becoming the first team outside the British Isles to leave an English field undefeated in a full international.

England allowed the commanding position of being 2-0 up after half an hour to slip unnecessarily for both the Yugoslav goals were gifted.

For the opening 35 minutes England were well on top, the defence revolving around Compton in the centre, whilst Ramsey and Eckersley were calculated in their covering and distribution.

The England attack, once it had settled down, began to flourish and the Yugoslav 'keeper, Beara, once a ballet dancer, was called upon to show his agility. He made a remarkable save at point blank range from Lofthouse after Medley had first hit the far post.

England indeed, fully deserved their opening goal when it came just before the half hour. A long pass from Bailey was swept into the middle by Medley for Lofthouse to leave Beara helpless. Five minutes later Dickinson led Hancocks on the right and there was Lofthouse again doing his part once more with a glorious header to the far corner.

It was just five minutes from the interval when the tide of affairs made its first sharp change. A low cross from Orgjanon seemed to pose no danger until Compton, trying to shield Williams, touched the ball inside his own post. In the very next minute Williams was forced to produce a great diving save as Zivanovic headed Bobek's centre down to the corner.

After the interval England set about the task of re-establishing their earlier position. This would have been accomplished but for Beara.

Three times in as many minutes he made flying saves from Mannion and on another

occasion he kept out a header from Lofthouse.

Beara became one of the major factors in Yugoslavia's revival which was completed with twelve minutes remaining.

It was again fashioned from a defensive mistake with Ramsey unnecessarily blocking a Bobek shot which rebounded to Zivanovic who easily equalised.

With only Dickinson, Hancock, Eckersley and Lofthouse their true selves, England, to their credit, made great efforts in the dying moments to snatch victory that somehow had slipped from them, but Beara was always in the way.

The Yugoslav team left the field after bowing to the surprised crowd having been the thirteenth nation to test England's supremacy on its own shores.

TEAMS

England:

Williams (Wolves), Ramsey (Spurs) (Capt.), Eckersley (Blackburn), Watson (Sunderland), Compton (L) (Aarsenal), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Hancock (Wolves), Mannion (Middlesbrough), Lofthouse (Bolton), Bailey (Spurs), Medley (Spurs).

Yugoslavia:

Beara, Stankovic, Colic, Cajkovski, Horvat, Djajic, Orgjanon, Mitic (Capt.), Zivanovic, Bobek, Vijkas.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW



RONNIE PHILLIPS

Tonight's game bears special significance for Ron, since he has served both Clubs, having been a member of the Wanderers promotion winning team of 1973 and later spending "four enjoyable years at Sealand Road".

Nowadays Ronnie successfully runs his off-licence in Walkden Road in the shadows of Walkden Railway Station.

Ronnie Phillips' playing career spanned 19 seasons, but he first served an apprenticeship in industry at the former Dobson and Barlows in Bradley Fold. At 18 years old he was called upon to make his debut against Cardiff in the Second Division but felt at home in the company of Freddie Hill, Franny Lee, Gordon Taylor and Syd Farri-mond. He recalls, "The promotion season of 1972/73 was my best, I remember starting off unsure of a place but kept up the consistency and finished an ever present."

The following season saw the signing of Peter Thompson and the formation change from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3 enhancing Ron's decision that it was time to move on. Neighbours, Bury, paid £12,000 for his services and after two years at Gigg Lane, he moved to Chester for a similar fee. He was appointed captain for two seasons, recalling having played all games with Ian Rush. He said, "I remember Ian scoring the winner in a Cup game at Newcastle. When Liverpool paid £300,000 for him, all the lads gathered together to wish him all the best but none of us could see anything in him at the time. Rushie hits a clean ball—



similar to John Byrom and after twelve months he got into Liverpool's team and started scoring goals. It proves the quality of their scouting system."

Also at Chester were former Wanderers' Ian Seddon and Jimmy Redfern.

Ron's career eventually finished through injury whilst playing for Barrow and he had a two year spell working in insurance before opting for his off-licence where he has spent the past six years.

He said, "I'm now used to shop life, although it's a lot different from football, especially with the long hours. But my wife Pat and myself have worked hard at it and the family assist as well." Away from the shop Ron is keen on golf and is a member at Duns-car Golf Club.

He concluded, "Nowadays I get to see the odd game but I shall be making the extra effort to be at tonight's match."

Personality Profile.

DAVID FELGATE

Last season's Player of the Year David Felgate is the first in this series of interviews regarding the player's ups and downs during their playing careers.

Born in Blaenau Ffestiniog, North Wales, Dave was on Everton's books as a schoolboy but after asking to be released was spotted by the then North Wales scout Ernie Holt, and asked to play two trial matches for the Wanderers, one being the Final of the L.F.A. Cup against Man. Utd. at Old Trafford. He was immediately signed and toured with the successful Youth team in Switzerland.

The Wanderers at this stage were going through one of their best periods of recent years back in the First Division and Dave remembers making his debut for the reserves. "It was against Liverpool, we drew 1-1 and John Toshack, David Johnson, Sammy Lee and Colin Irwin all played that day." The rest of the season was spent in and out of Youth/Reserve teams and it was during the beginning of the following season that Rochdale took Dave on loan where he spent three quarters of a season gaining valuable experience.

Next on Dave's travels was a loan spell at Crewe where a certain Bruce Grobbelaar was waiting to make his debut. Dave explains "At this time Bruce had only just arrived in the Country and couldn't play until he got a work permit." Bradford and Rochdale (again) were Dave's next loan spells until what Dave thought was going to be his first senior chance at Bolton. Seamus McDonagh left the Club to join Everton and at this stage Terry Poole was uncertain about his future. But the turning point was when Dennis Peacock signed for the Club, Dave went to see manager Stan Anderson about his future and two days later Colin Murphy the manager of Lincoln moved in for Dave, initially on a months loan, but a couple of weeks later signed for £25,000 and the Bolton connection was severed.



At Lincoln, promotion was secured in Dave's first season when only twenty goals were conceded. Dave recalls members of that Championship team, "Yes, it was quite a team, Mick Harford (Luton, Trevor Peake (Coventry), Gordon Hobson (Southampton), Steve Thompson (Charlton), Tony Cunningham (Blackpool) and Phil Neale (skipper of Worcester Cricket)". The following season promotion to Division Two was missed by just one point.

While at Lincoln Dave worked closely with Lenny Lawrence (Manager of Charlton) who was then first team coach. But Lawrence went to Charlton the following season and John Pickering the former Bolton player replaced him.

Dave had a spell on loan to Cardiff the following season, who were then in the Second Division, but midway through his spell there chipped a bone in his finger and returned to Lincoln. Stuart Naylor (West Brom) was now pushing for a place in goal so when Second Division Grimsby moved in for Dave on loan he jumped at the chance. He spent 2½ months on loan at Grimsby till suddenly Lincoln recalled him for the last three games of the season when relegation looked likely but Dave helped them stay up.

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Spell at Grimsby
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3 CARDIFF CITY H
6 Litt. Cup 1, Chester A
10 Reading H
17 BRISTOL ROVERS H
20 FULHAM (Tues) A
24 Aldershot A

OCTOBER

1 SHEFFIELD UTD. H
4 Swansea City (Tues) A
8 BLACKPOOL H
15 Port Vale A
22 WOLVERHAMPTON W. H
25 Wigan Ath. (Tues) H
29 CHESTERFIELD A

NOVEMBER

5 Bristol City A
8 Huddersfield T. (Tues) H
12 BURY H
19 (F.A. Cup 1st Round) A
26 NORTHAMPTON T. H

DECEMBER

3 Brentford A
10 (F.A. Cup 2nd Round) A
17 CHESTER CITY H
26 Preston N.E. (Mon) A
31 Notts County A

JANUARY 1989

2 MANSFIELD T. (Mon) H
7 GILLINGHAM (F.A.3) H
14 Cardiff City A
21 READING H
28 Bristol Rovers (F.A.4) A

FEBRUARY

4 Sheffield Utd. A
11 SWANSEA CITY H
18 Blackpool (F.A.5) H
25 PORT VALE H
28 WIGAN ATH. (Tues) H

MARCH

4 Wolverhampton W. A
11 BRISTOL CITY H
14 Chesterfield (Tues) A
19 SOUTHEND (F.A.6) H
25 Mansfield T. A
27 PRESTON N.E. (Mon) H

APRIL

1 Chester City A
4 Gillingham (Tues) A
8 NOTTS COUNTY H
15 Fulham (FA. SF) A
18 Northampton (Tues) H
22 ALDERSHOT A
29 Bury A

MAY

1 HUDDERSFIELD (Mon) H
6 BRENTFORD H
20 F.A. Cup Final



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